

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, line 13, before the Copyright Notice, please add the following new paragraph:

This application is a continuation of PCT patent application serial No. PCT/US01/25388, filed August 14, 2001, entitled System and Method for Providing Warranties in Electronic Commerce, which claimed priority from U.S. provisional patent application serial No. 60/224,994, filed August 14, 2000, entitled Signing Interface Compliance Requirements, Smart Card Compliance Requirements, Warranty Service Functional Requirements, and Additional Disclosure; and U.S. provisional patent application serial No. 60/259,796, filed January 4, 2001, entitled Warranty Manager Application Programming Interface, Warranty Messaging Specification, and Warranty Manager Functional Requirements, all three of which are hereby incorporated by reference.